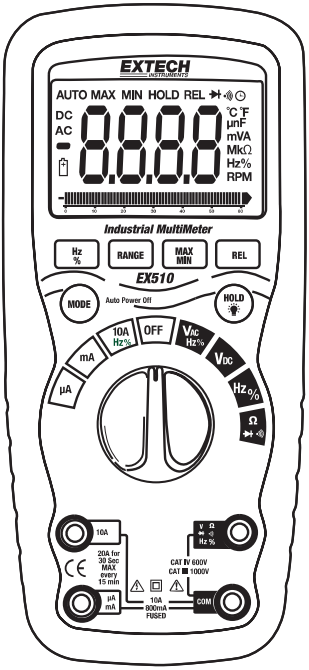
User's Guide

EXTECH INSTRUMENTS

Industrial Multimeter

Extech EX510



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Introduction

Congratulations on your purchase of the Extech EX510 Autoranging Multimeter. This meter measures AC/DC Voltage, AC/DC Current, Resistance, Frequency (electrical & electronic), Diode Test, and Continuity. It features a rugged design for heavy duty use. Proper use and care of this meter will provide many years of reliable service.

Safety

This symbol adjacent to another symbol, terminal or operating device indicates that the operator must refer to an explanation in the Operating Instructions to avoid personal injury or damage to the meter.

WARNING

This **WARNING** symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

CAUTION

This **CAUTION** symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation, which if not avoided, may result damage to the product.

This symbol advises the user that the terminal(s) so marked must not be connected to a circuit point at which the voltage with respect to earth ground exceeds (in this case) 1000 VAC or VDC.

This symbol adjacent to one or more terminals identifies them as being associated with ranges that may, in normal use, be subjected to particularly hazardous voltages. For maximum safety, the meter and its test leads should not be handled when these terminals are energized.

This symbol indicates that a device is protected throughout by double insulation or reinforced insulation.

PER IEC1010 OVERVOLTAGE INSTALLATION CATEGORY

OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY I

Equipment of OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY I is equipment for connection to circuits in which measures are taken to limit the transient overvoltages to an appropriate low level.

Note – Examples include protected electronic circuits.

OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY II

Equipment of OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY II is energy-consuming equipment to be supplied from the fixed installation.

Note – Examples include household, office, and laboratory appliances.

OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY III

Equipment of OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY III is equipment in fixed installations.

Note – Examples include switches in the fixed installation and some equipment for industrial use with permanent connection to the fixed installation.

OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY IV

Equipment of OVERVOLTAGE CATEGORY IV is for use at the origin of the installation.

Note – Examples include electricity meters and primary over-current protection equipment

CAUTIONS

- Improper use of this meter can cause damage, shock, injury or death. Read and understand this user manual before operating the meter.
- Always remove the test leads before replacing the battery or fuses.
- Inspect the condition of the test leads and the meter itself for any damage before operating the meter.
- Use great care when making measurements if the voltages are greater than 25VAC rms or 35VDC. These voltages are considered a shock hazard.
- Warning! This is a class A equipment. This equipment can cause interferences in the living quarters; in this case the operator can be required to carry out adequate measures.
- Always discharge capacitors and remove power from the device under test before performing Diode, Resistance or Continuity tests.
- Voltage checks on electrical outlets can be difficult and misleading because of the uncertainty of connection to the recessed electrical contacts. Other means should be used to ensure that the terminals are not "live".
- If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.
- This device is not a toy and must not reach children’s hands. It contains hazardous objects as well as small parts that the children could swallow. In case a child swallows any of them, please contact a physician immediately
- Do not leave batteries and packing material lying around unattended; they can be dangerous for children if they use them as toys
- In case the device is going to be unused for an extended period of time, remove the batteries to prevent them from draining
- Expired or damaged batteries can cause cauterization on contact with the skin. Always, therefore, use suitable hand gloves in such cases
- See that the batteries are not short-circuited. Do not throw batteries into the fire.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

This meter has been designed for safe use, but must be operated with caution. The rules listed below must be carefully followed for safe operation.

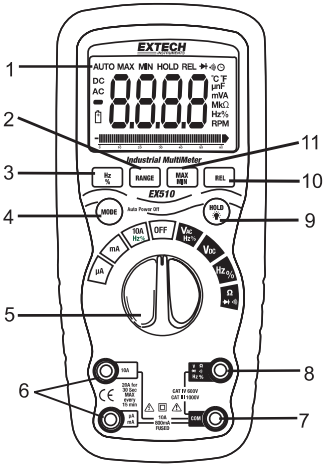
1. **NEVER** apply voltage or current to the meter that exceeds the specified maximum:

Input Protection Limits	
Function	Maximum Input
V DC or V AC	1000VDC/AC rms
mA AC/DC	800mA 1000V fast acting fuse
A AC/DC	10A 1000V fast acting fuse (20A for 30 seconds max every 15 minutes)
Frequency, Resistance, Diode Test, Continuity	1000VDC/AC rms

2. **USE EXTREME CAUTION** when working with high voltages.
3. **DO NOT** measure voltage if the voltage on the "COM" input jack exceeds 600V above earth ground.
4. **NEVER** connect the meter leads across a voltage source while the function switch is in the current, resistance, or diode mode. Doing so can damage the meter.
5. **ALWAYS** discharge filter capacitors in power supplies and disconnect the power when making resistance or diode tests.
6. **ALWAYS** turn off the power and disconnect the test leads before opening the covers to replace the fuse or batteries.
7. **NEVER** operate the meter unless the back cover and the battery and fuse covers are in place and fastened securely.
8. If the equipment is used in a manner not specified by the manufacturer, the protection provided by the equipment may be impaired.

Controls and Jacks

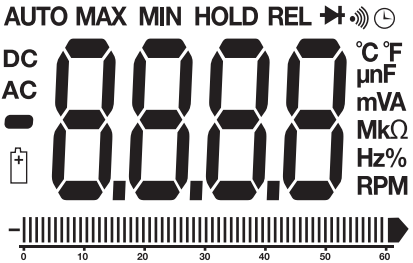
1. 6,000 count LCD
2. RANGE button
3. Hz and % button
4. Mode button
5. Function switch
6. mA, µA and 10A input jacks
7. COM input jack
8. Positive input jack
9. HOLD and Backlight button
10. RELATIVE button
11. MAX/MIN button



Note: Tilt stand and battery compartment are on rear of unit.

Symbols and Annunciators

	Auto power off
•)))	Continuity
	Diode test
	Battery status
n	nano (10^{-9}) (capacitance)
µ	micro (10^{-6}) (amps, cap)
m	milli (10^{-3}) (volts, amps)
A	Amps
k	kilo (10^{3}) (ohms)
F	Farads (capacitance)
M	mega (10^{6}) (ohms)
Ω	Ohms
Hz	Hertz (frequency)
%	Percent (duty ratio)
AC	Alternating current
DC	Direct current
MAX	Maximum
V	Volts
REL	Relative
AUTO	Autoranging
HOLD	Display hold
MIN	Minimum



Operating Instructions

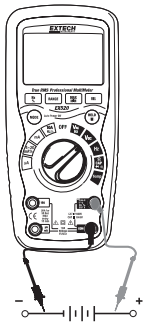
WARNING: Risk of electrocution. High-voltage circuits, both AC and DC, are very dangerous and should be measured with great care.

1. ALWAYS turn the function switch to the **OFF** position when the meter is not in use.
2. If "**OL**" appears in the display during a measurement, the value exceeds the range you have selected. Change to a higher range.

DC VOLTAGE MEASUREMENTS

CAUTION: Do not measure DC voltages if a motor on the circuit is being switched ON or OFF. Large voltage surges may occur that can damage the meter.

1. Set the function switch to the green **VDC** position.
2. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack. Insert the red test lead banana plug into the positive **V** jack.
3. Touch the black test probe tip to the negative side of the circuit. Touch the red test probe tip to the positive side of the circuit.
4. Read the voltage in the display.

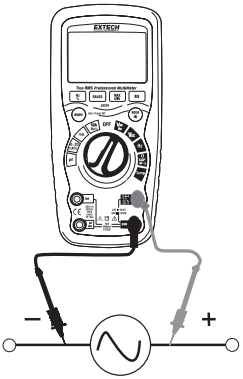


AC VOLTAGE (FREQUENCY, DUTY CYCLE) MEASUREMENTS

WARNING: Risk of Electrocution. The probe tips may not be long enough to contact the live parts inside some 240V outlets for appliances because the contacts are recessed deep in the outlets. As a result, the reading may show 0 volts when the outlet actually has voltage on it. Make sure the probe tips are touching the metal contacts inside the outlet before assuming that no voltage is present.

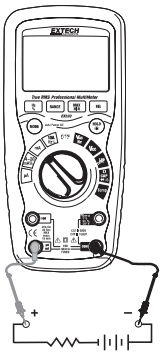
CAUTION: Do not measure AC voltages if a motor on the circuit is being switched ON or OFF. Large voltage surges may occur that can damage the meter.

1. Set the function switch to the green **VAC/Hz/%** position.
2. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack. Insert red test lead banana plug into the positive **V** jack.
3. Touch the black test probe tip to the neutral side of the circuit. Touch the red test probe tip to the "hot" side of the circuit.
4. Read the voltage in the display.
5. Press the **HZ/%** button to indicate "**Hz**".
6. Read the frequency in the display.
7. Press the **Hz/%** button again to indicate "%".
8. Read the **%** of duty cycle in the display.



DC CURRENT MEASUREMENTS

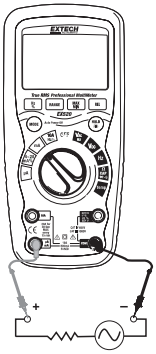
CAUTION: Do not make 20A current measurements for longer than 30 seconds. Exceeding 30 seconds may cause damage to the meter and/or the test leads.



1. Insert black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack.
2. For current measurements up to 6000µA DC, set the function switch to the yellow **µA** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **µA/mA** jack.
3. For current measurements up to 600mA DC, set the function switch to the yellow **mA** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **µA/mA** jack.
4. For current measurements up to 20A DC, set the function switch to the yellow **10A/HZ/%** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **10A** jack.
5. Press the **MODE** button to indicate "**DC**" on the display.
6. Remove power from the circuit under test, then open up the circuit at the point where you wish to measure current.
7. Touch the black test probe tip to the negative side of the circuit. Touch the red test probe tip to the positive side of the circuit.
8. Apply power to the circuit.
9. Read the current in the display.

AC CURRENT (FREQUENCY, DUTY CYCLE) MEASUREMENTS

CAUTION: Do not make 20A current measurements for longer than 30 seconds. Exceeding 30 seconds may cause damage to the meter and/or the test leads.

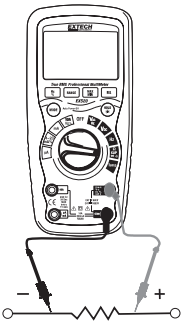


1. Insert black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack.
2. For current measurements up to 6000µA AC, set the function switch to the yellow **µA** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **µA/mA** jack.
3. For current measurements up to 600mA AC, set the function switch to the yellow **mA** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **µA/mA** jack.
4. For current measurements up to 20A AC, set the function switch to the yellow **10A/HZ/%** position and insert the red test lead banana plug into the **10A** jack.
5. Press the **MODE** button to indicate "**AC**" on the display.
6. Remove power from the circuit under test, then open up the circuit at the point where you wish to measure current.
7. Touch the black test probe tip to the neutral side of the circuit. Touch the red test probe tip to the "hot" side of the circuit.
8. Apply power to the circuit.
9. Read the current in the display.
10. Press the **Hz/%** button to indicate "**Hz**".
11. Read the frequency in the display.
12. Press the **Hz/%** button again to indicate "**%**".
13. Read the **%** duty cycle in the display.
14. Press the **Hz/%** button to return to current measurement.

RESISTANCE MEASUREMENTS

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect power to the unit under test and discharge all capacitors before taking any resistance measurements. Remove the batteries and unplug the line cords.

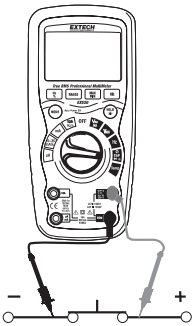
1. Set the function switch to the green **Ω CAP** position.
2. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack. Insert the red test lead banana plug into the positive **Ω** jack.
3. Press the **MODE** button to indicate "**Ω"** on the display.
4. Touch the test probe tips across the circuit or part under test. It is best to disconnect one side of the part under test so the rest of the circuit will not interfere with the resistance reading.
5. Read the resistance in the display.



CONTINUITY CHECK

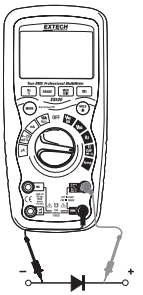
WARNING: To avoid electric shock, never measure continuity on circuits or wires that have voltage on them.

1. Set the function switch to the green **Ω CAP** position.
2. Insert the black lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack. Insert the red test lead banana plug into the positive **Ω** jack.
3. Press the **MODE** button to indicate" "and "**Ω"** on the display
4. Touch the test probe tips to the circuit or wire you wish to check.
5. If the resistance is less than approximately 35Ω, the audible signal will sound. If the circuit is open, the display will indicate "**OL**".



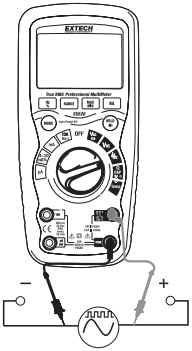
DIODE TEST

1. Set the function switch to the green **Ω CAP** position.
2. Insert the black test lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack and the red test lead banana plug into the positive **V** jack.
3. Press the **MODE** button to indicate and **V** on the display.
4. Touch the test probes to the diode under test. Forward voltage will typically indicate 0.400 to 0.700V. Reverse voltage will indicate "**OL**". Shorted devices will indicate near 0V and an open device will indicate "**OL**" in both polarities.



FREQUENCY/DUTY CYCLE MEASUREMENTS (ELECTRONIC)

1. Set the rotary function switch to the green "**Hz %**" position.
2. Press the Hz/% button to indicate "**Hz**" in the display.
3. Insert the black lead banana plug into the negative **COM** jack and the red test lead banana plug into the positive **Hz** jack.
4. Touch the test probe tips to the circuit under test.
5. Read the frequency on the display.
6. Press the **Hz/%** button again to indicate "**%**" on the display.
7. Read the % of duty cycle on the display.



AUTORANGING/MANUAL RANGE SELECTION

When the meter is first turned on, it automatically goes into Autoranging. This automatically selects the best range for the measurements being made and is generally the best mode for most measurements. For measurement situations requiring that a range be manually selected, perform the following:

1. Press the **RANGE** key. The "**AUTO"** display indicator will turn off.
2. Press the **RANGE** key to step through available ranges until you select the desired range.
3. To exit the Manual Ranging mode and return to Autoranging, press and hold the **RANGE** key for 2 seconds.

Note: Manual ranging does not apply for the Capacitance and Frequency functions.

MAX/MIN

Note: When using the MAX/MIN function in Autoranging mode, the meter will "lock" into the range that is displayed on the LCD when MAX/MIN is activated. If a MAX/Min reading exceeds that range, an "OL" will be displayed. Select the desired range BEFORE entering MAX/MIN mode.

1. Press the **MAX/MIN** key to activate the MAX/MIN recording mode. The display icon "**MAX**" will appear. The meter will display and hold the maximum reading and will update only when a new "max" occurs.
2. Press the **MAX/MIN** key again and the display icon "**MIN**" will appear. The meter will display and hold the minimum reading and will update only when a new "min" occurs.
3. To exit MAX/MIN mode press and hold the **MAX/MIN** key for 2 seconds.

RELATIVE MODE

The relative measurement feature allows you to make measurements relative to a stored reference value. A reference voltage, current, etc. can be stored and measurements made in comparison to that value. The displayed value is the difference between the reference value and the measured value.

1. Perform the measurement as described in the operating instructions.
2. Press the **REL** button to store the reading in the display and the "**REL**" indicator will appear on the display.
3. The display will now indicate the difference between the stored value and the measured value.
4. Press the **REL** button to exit the relative mode.

Note: The Relative function does not operate in the Frequency function.

DISPLAY BACKLIGHT

Press the **HOLD** key for >1 second to turn on or off the display backlight function. The backlight will automatically turn off after 10 seconds.

HOLD

The hold function freezes the reading in the display. Press the **HOLD** key momentarily to activate or to exit the **HOLD** function.

AUTO POWER OFF

The auto off feature will turn the meter off after 15 minutes. To disable the auto power off feature, hold down the **MODE** button and turn the meter on.

LOW BATTERY INDICATION

The icon will appear in the lower left conner of the display when the battery voltage becomes low. Replace the battery when this appears.

Maintenance

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect the test leads from any source of voltage before removing the back cover or the battery or fuse covers.

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, do not operate your meter until the battery and fuse covers are in place and fastened securely.

This MultiMeter is designed to provide years of dependable service, if the following care instructions are performed:

1. **KEEP THE METER DRY**. If it gets wet, wipe it off.
2. **USE AND STORE THE METER IN NORMAL TEMPERATURES.** Temperature extremes can shorten the life of the electronic parts and distort or melt plastic parts.
3. **HANDLE THE METER GENTLY AND CAREFULLY.** Dropping it can damage the electronic parts or the case.
4. **KEEP THE METER CLEAN.** Wipe the case occasionally with a damp cloth. DO NOT use chemicals, cleaning solvents, or detergents.
5. **USE ONLY FRESH BATTERIES OF THE RECOMMENDED SIZE AND TYPE.** Remove old or weak batteries so they do not leak and damage the unit.
6. **IF THE METER IS TO BE STORED FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME**, the batteries should be removed to prevent damage to the unit.

BATTERY INSTALLATION

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect the test leads from any source of voltage before removing the battery cover.

1. Turn power off and disconnect the test leads from the meter.
2. Open the rear battery cover by removing two screws (B) using a Phillips head screwdriver.
3. Insert the battery into battery holder, observing the correct polarity.
4. Put the battery cover back in place. Secure with the screws.

Never dispose of used batteries or rechargeable batteries in household waste. As consumers, users are legally required to take used batteries to appropriate collection sites, the retail store where the batteries were purchased, or wherever batteries are sold.

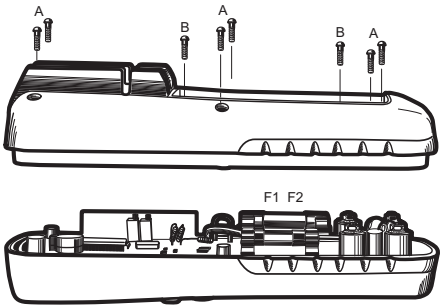
Disposal: Do not dispose of this instrument in household waste. The user is obligated to take end-of-life devices to a designated collection point for the disposal of electrical and electronic equipment.

Other Battery Safety Reminders

- Never dispose of batteries in a fire. Batteries may explode or leak.
  Never mix battery types. Always install new batteries of the same type

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, do not operate the meter until the battery cover is in place and fastened securely.

NOTE: If your meter does not work properly, check the fuses and batteries to make sure that they are still good and that they are properly inserted.



REPLACING THE FUSES

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, disconnect the test leads from any source of voltage before removing the fuse cover.

1. Disconnect the test leads from the meter.
2. Remove the protective rubber holster.
3. Remove the battery cover (two “B” screws) and the battery.
4. Remove the six “A” screws securing the rear cover.
5. Gently remove the old fuse and install the new fuse into the holder.
6. Always use a fuse of the proper size and value (0.8A/1000V fast blow for the 600mA range [SIBA 70-172-40], 10A/1000V fast blow for the 20A range [SIBA 50-199-06]).
7. Replace and secure the rear cover, battery and battery cover.

WARNING: To avoid electric shock, do not operate your meter until the fuse cover is in place and fastened securely.

Specifications

Function	Range	Resolution	Accuracy	
DC Voltage	600mV	0.1mV	±(0.09% reading + 2 digits)	
	6V	0.001V		
	60V	0.01V		
	600V	0.1V		
	1000V	1V		
AC Voltage			50 to 60Hz	40Hz to 1KHz
	6V	0.001V	±(1.0% reading + 3 dgts)	±(2.0% reading + 3 dgts)
	60V	0.01V		
	600V	0.1V		
	1000V	1V		
	All AC voltage ranges are specified from 5% of range to 100% of range			
DC Current	600μA	0.1μA	±(1.0% reading + 3 digits)	
	6000μA	1μA		
	60mA	0.01mA		
	600mA	0.1mA		
	6A	0.001A		
	10A	0.01A		
	(20A: 30 sec max with reduced accuracy)			
AC Current			40Hz to 1kHz	
	600μA	0.1μA	±(1.5% reading + 3 digits)	
	6000μA	1μA		
	60mA	0.01mA		
	600mA	0.1mA		
	6A	0.001A		
	10A	0.01A		
	(20A: 30 sec max with reduced accuracy)			
	All AC voltage ranges are specified from 5% of range to 100% of range			

NOTE: Accuracy is stated at 18°C to 28°C (65°F to 83°F) and less than 75% RH.

Function	Range	Resolution	Accuracy
Resistance	600Ω	0.1Ω	±(0.3% reading + 4 digits)
	6kΩ	0.001kΩ	
	60kΩ	0.01kΩ	
	600kΩ	0.1kΩ	
	6MΩ	0.001MΩ	
	40MΩ	0.01MΩ	±(0.3% reading + 20 digits)
Frequency (electronic)	9.999Hz	0.001Hz	±(0.1% reading + 1 digits)
	99.99Hz	0.01Hz	
	999.9Hz	0.1Hz	
	9.999kHz	0.001kHz	
	99.99kHz	0.01kHz	
	999.9kHz	0.1kHz	
	9.999MHz	0.001MHz	
	40MHz	0.01MHz	
	Sensitivity: 0.8V rms min. @ 20% to 80% duty cycle and <100kHz; 5Vrms min @ 20% to 80% duty cycle and > 100kHz.		
Frequency (electrical)	10.00-400Hz	0.01Hz	±(0.5% reading)
	Sensitivity: 15Vrms		
Duty Cycle	0.1 to 99.9%	0.1%	±(1.2% reading + 2 digits)
	Pulse width: 100µs - 100ms, Frequency: 5Hz to 150kHz		

Note: Accuracy specifications consist of two elements:
- (% reading) – This is the accuracy of the measurement circuit.
- (+ digits) – This is the accuracy of the analog to digital converter.

Enclosure	Double molded, waterproof (IP67)
Shock (Drop Test)	2 meters (6.5 feet)
Diode Test	Test current of 0.9mA maximum, open circuit voltage 2.8V DC typical
Continuity Check	Audible signal will sound if the resistance is less than 100Ω (approx.), test current <0.35mA
Input Impedance	>10MΩ VDC & >10MΩ VAC
AC Response	Average responding
ACV Bandwidth	40Hz to 1kHz
Crest Factor	≤3 at full scale up to 500V, decreasing linearly to ≤1.5 at 1000V
Display	6,000 count backlit liquid crystal with bargraph
Overrange indication	"**OL**" is displayed
Auto Power Off	15 minutes (approximately) with disable feature
Polarity	Automatic (no indication for positive); Minus (-) sign for negative
Measurement Rate	2 times per second, nominal
Low Battery Indication	**"** **"** is displayed if battery voltage drops below operating voltage
Battery	One 9 volt (NEDA 1604) battery
Fuses	mA, µA ranges; 0.8A/1000V ceramic fast blow A range; 10A/1000V ceramic fast blow
Operating Temperature	5°C to 40°C (41°F to 104°F)
Storage Temperature	-20°C to 60°C (-4°F to 140°F)
Operating Humidity	Max 80% up to 31°C (87°F) decreasing linearly to 50% at 40°C (104°F)
Storage Humidity	<80%
Operating Altitude	2000meters (7000ft) maximum.
Weight	342g (0.753lb) (includes holster).
Size	187 x 81 x 50mm (7.36" x 3.2" x 2.0") (includes holster)
Safety	This meter is intended for origin of installation use and protected, against the users, by double insulation per EN61010-1 and IEC61010-1 2nd Edition (2001) to Category IV 600V and Category III 1000V; Pollution Degree 2. The meter also meets UL 61010-1, 2nd Edition (2004), CAN/CSA C22.2 No. 61010-1 2nd Edition (2004), and UL 61010B-2-031, 1st Edition (2003)
Approvals	CE

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